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RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, January 6, 1960

COUNCIL PRES. ELECTIONS – MON., WED.

Committee Works
On New Class Ring

During this semester many meetings of the Ring Committee have been conducted with representatives from different companies such as Dieges and Clust, Herf Jones, Balfour, and Elliot.

In general, the committee is striving to procure a ring more collegiate in appearance. Therefore, R.I.C.E.'s rings will be larger and higher for both men and women.

The stone will be larger, yet in proportion to the size of each ring.

A golden topaz is expected to become the traditional color representing our gold and white school colors.

A choice of yellow or green gold plus a choice of finishes will be offered. More depth on the shanks will also add to the richness of the ring.

A sketch of Roberts Hall is expected to appear. The date of graduation, date of founding and the degree will definitely be included. The college seal, to be placed on one shank of the ring, is undergoing revision by an alumni committee.

An anchor or anchors will appear. A copy of the statue of the Independent Man as well as the traditional lamp of knowledge, book of learning and the torch of knowledge are being considered.

Partial sketches of the ring have been viewed by the committee which includes: Fran Palumbo, representative from Student Council and chairman; Kathy Wheeler and Al Freda, juniors; Connie Lavallee and Ed Rondeau, sophomores; Alice Greenlund (secretary) and Bob Sousa, freshmen.

Best Dressed
Model Feb. 16

In conjunction with *Glamour* magazine's contest, "10 Best Dressed College Girls in America," for 1960, the *Anchor* will sponsor a fashion show to be held during assembly period, Tuesday, February 16.

At this time the two nominees from each of the four classes will model three outfits for the student body, which must elect one girl to represent R.I.C.E. in the *Glamour* contest.

The girls who are competing for the title, "Best Dressed Girl at R.I.C.E." are Maureen Casey and Elinor Anderson, seniors; Elizabeth Davis and Judy Stoyko, juniors; Maryann Cipolla and Regina McDonald, sophomores; and Alice Greenlund and Deryl Holt, freshmen.

Costumes to be modeled will include an on-campus outfit, a day-time off-campus outfit, and a party dress (full or cocktail length).

During intermission, musical selections will be presented by the Chalktones.

The election to determine the R.I.C.E. representative will take place on Wednesday, February 17.

two groups discussed the system from various general aspects.

Dr. Renato Leonelli and Dean Dorothy Mierzwa pointed out that before putting an honor system to practice, both students and faculty must be "sold" on the idea.

The question, who should initiate the system, was asked. Many

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Candidates for Council presidency are: l. to r., Jeanne Louth, Joe Aguiar and Anita Pascale.

SENIOR CLASS NOMINATES THREE

by Judy Norcross

Jeanne Louth, '60, a candidate for the office of Student Council president, is the present vice president of Student Council and has in previous years held the offices of secretary and treasurer.

During her four years at R.I.C.E., Jeanne has been an active member of the Newman Club and the Ski Club. Her senior year also finds her as the assistant editor of the *Ricoled* and a newly-elected member of *Who's Who*. In her junior year, Jeanne, an English Social Studies major, did practice teaching at Bain Junior High. As a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, she has always managed to maintain a high scholastic average amidst this multitude of many activities.

In 1956 Jeanne was graduated from St. Xavier's, where she wrote for the school newspaper, and was a member of the art and glee clubs.

Being vice president of Council, it is her responsibility to preside at the meetings of the Student Council and General Assembly in the absence of the president and act as chairman of the Winter Weekend Committee and the Inter-Club Council.

Nominated for re-election is this semester's Council president, Joe Aguiar.

Joe graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1955 where he was a representative to the Student Council for two years and served as a judge on the Student Court in his senior year.

Here at R.I.C.E. Joe is in the Social Studies-English curriculum. A member of the soccer team for four years, he was co-captain this past semester. Also on the sports line, Joe is co-sports editor for the '59-'60 *Ricoled*.

In his sophomore year, Joe was elected vice-president of his class. For the past two years, he has served as corresponding secretary and parliamentarian in Kappa Delta Phi.

This year he was among those elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Joe's other activities include participation in the Newman Club, M.A.A., I.R.C., Stunt Night and Hazing.

A very active member of the student body of R.I.C.E. is Anita Pascale, who is an off-campus nominee for the president of Student Council, while she is completing her practice teaching in Nelson Street school at the kindergarten level.

Anita's first six months as a council member saw her as a student representative. She was then elected as the treasurer in her junior year, at the same time acting as a visiting reporter for the *Anchor* to keep the campus posted on the action of Student Council.

A twice-delegated representative, Anita attended the Little Eastern States Conference in both her freshman and sophomore years. Also, she was recording secretary and vice president, respectively, of the now defunct debating society.

As Stunt Night Chairman of her class last year Anita led them to first place victory and has again been elected chairman in her senior year.

Her other activities include membership in the W.R.A. since her sophomore year, and the Hazing Committee and the court of the All-College Girl in her junior year.

CANDIDATES GIVE THEIR OPINIONS

Why do you seek the office of president of Student Council?

I am going to try to the best of my ability to establish the Student Council as a stable and permeating influence on this campus.

Student Government is a difficult job. Since it requires experience to do the job, the experience I gained serving on Council can help me to do a better job.

My main reason for seeking the office of Student Council president is because my classmates consider me qualified for that office. It is my wish that I qualify and will be able to fulfill their expectations.

What do you consider the biggest job of the Council president will be next semester?

The biggest job would be a revision of the Student Government constitution to adequately accommodate the needs of our growing campus.

Every job that is taken up by Student Council is important because it is related to the students and student activities. It is very difficult to say that one thing is more important than the other. Therefore I must limit this to three.

Probably the three biggest jobs are: 1) the appropriation of the Student Activity Fund and re-evaluation of the present Student Activity Fee; 2) the revisions of the By-laws of our constitution; 3) the establishment of an effective system of rules and their enforcement.

From what I can gather through past experience and hearsay as I have not been on campus this semester, I would think the biggest job ahead of the Student Council president is to prove the effectiveness of that body. It seems to me that while we are lucky enough to have more power than other college governments, we do not even touch upon the resources of this power. Therefore, I feel, Council should not only make effective laws which govern our campus, but it should also improve upon its forcefulness in both the eyes of the student body and the administration.

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REACH NO
DECISIONS

The second Faculty-Student Seminar of this semester held on Monday evening, December 14, in the Student Center, discussed the question and feasibility of an honor system at R.I.C.E.

Many questions arose but were not fully answered and no definite conclusions were made.

Some participants left the seminar with the attitude that it is impossible to have an honor system on the R.I.C.E. campus. Others thought that it is possible but that such a system would take many years to establish fully.

A possible conclusion drawn was that a system might be begun first in a small area and then, according to the results, be extended into other areas.

Another such conclusion was that the education of all concerned in the business of honor systems was definitely necessary.

At the general group meeting, Beverly Kionoian, chairman of the Seminar Committee, introduced three student speakers, Anne Reynolds, Muriel Frechette and Pat Ross.

Miss Reynolds offered a possible definition of an honor system and included some ideas as to whether an honor system should be a personal responsibility, or the responsibility of each student for every student on campus.

Muriel Frechette cited some very significant examples of honor systems used on college and university campuses. The three mentioned were Oberlin, at which all academic life is under such a system; the U.S. Naval Academy and Brigham Young University.

Miss Frechette pointed out that each of these three honor systems were on special type campuses; i.e., military, religious.

Pat Ross cited an example of the partial use of an honor system on the R.I.C.E. campus in chapel attendance in 1954. Each student at that time reported his presence or absence to an appointed member of his division. Miss Ross stated that this system worked fairly well for two years but was abused and therefore discontinued.

Following this brief introduction, students and faculty divided into two discussion groups. The

In the Mail

critique unfair

Dear Editor:

As a senior member of the choir, I would like to make a reply to what I consider most unfair criticism. The choir's efforts were described as "detracting from the general success of the (Christmas) concert."

This may or may not be true; I am not qualified to judge any performance. But I and most of the choir members feel that our efforts should not be belittled by someone who walked out on Miss McGunigle and the choir immediately before the concert because we could not use the music.

I think any criticism made under such a circumstance is petty and biased. Judgment of a performance should be objective, and not an instrument for airing a personal gripe. Members of the audience whose personal feelings were not involved had nothing but praise for our performance.

Anyone who does not possess the personal courage to face a difficult situation should at least refrain from commenting on the efforts on those choir members who did their best to hold up their end of the concert.

Madeleine Duhamel

Study Problems Solved

at the

Frosh-Faculty Seminar

TUESDAY EVENING
JANUARY 12

Plan to eat supper first.

Editorial — vote wisely!

The president of Student Council must be elected with great attention since he is the chief executive of the student body and is responsible for all the duties that this office necessarily entails. We, therefore, stress that each student consider carefully the abilities and qualifications of each candidate.

In this special election issue, the ANCHOR has presented an interview with each candidate in a search to reveal his accomplishments and his opinions on various campus questions. There is also an article of excerpts from the Student Government Constitution by-laws which have bearing on this election.

It is hoped that each student will read carefully these articles, join the information gathered with his personal opinions of the candidates, and cast a wise ballot on election day.

Editorial — correction

There was an error in the editorial, UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTIONS, in the ANCHOR'S last issue. This editorial stated that the senior class elections were unconstitutional because they violated the section in the present constitution which reads: "Class officers shall be on campus during their term of office." The elections of the class of 1960 are legal since they were held last spring prior to the acceptance in the constitution of this by-law. This also means that the class should retain its treasury as the elections DID comply with the old rules which did not contain the above quoted by-law.

The remaining three points of the editorial remain unconstitutional. Student Council has set up a committee which is in the process of revising the constitution.

Editorial — where will they sit?

There is a serious problem this year of 1960 concerning the proposed size of an audience at Stunt Night. Last year, members of the over-capacity audience were found seated in the aisles and standing in the rear of the auditorium three and four persons deep. It has been announced by President William C. Gaige that this will not reoccur as it is a very dangerous fire hazard.

Where will the audience sit? Let us consider the size of a proposed audience and therefore the size of this problem.

Since one of the largest demands of Stunt Night is near complete participation and the campus enrollment is nearly 900, it can be assumed that about 700 students will participate. Since all students wish to see the other classes' shows, the auditorium will hold approximately 350 students at all times.

Since the audience capacity of the audience is 1,000 the student audience leaves only 650 seats for guests. This is not even ONE guest per student!

How many guests should a student want to attend? Since Stunt Night is part of Winter Weekend, it is assumed that most students might have dates. Then each student might invite his parents or a friend or two. Let us now approximate a reasonably proposed audience of 1,500 to 2,000 persons. This is already 2.5 to 3.5 times OVER THE CAPACITY!

Inter-club Council has been working on this problem but as yet has arrived at no suitable solution. Some suggestions being discussed on campus include holding Stunt Night two nights; reserving seats for students and then "first come, first served" for the remaining seats; allowing each student ONE ticket for a guest; providing the entire auditorium for visitors and having the students watch the shows on closed circuit television; holding Stunt Night in an off-campus auditorium, such as the Veterans' Auditorium where everyone could be seated but which would cost money.

It must be remembered that these are merely suggestions and that no action has as yet been taken. However, there is VERY LITTLE TIME left to resolve this situation.

We ask all students, therefore, to offer suggestions to the Inter-club Council, and then to support the settlement upon which they decide. After all the hard work that is put into making Stunt Night a success, let us be sure that our efforts can be SEEN.

Excerpts Of Constitution

The following are sections from the Student Council constitution concerning the election of the president of Student Council.

Section I: Qualifications:

A. The president and vice president must be a member (sic) of the Senior class during their term of office.

Section II: Nomination and Election.

A. President and vice president

1. The Senior class shall present four names to the General Assembly as its nominees for president of Student Government.

2. The election by the General Assembly by secret ballot shall be held during the first week of May for the following Fall Semester and during the second week in January for the following Spring Semester.

3. Freshmen shall be excluded from voting.

4. Juniors and Seniors who are doing their responsible teaching shall be notified of the Student Government elections one week in advance by the secretaries of their respective classes.

5. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared president. The candidate with the second highest number of votes shall be declared vice president.

6. The president and vice president may succeed themselves for a second term of office.

7. If the president is not re-elected for a second semester, he serves the Student Council in an advisory capacity, having no vote. In the event that the past president is elected as representative to Student Council by his class, he shall have the vote prescribed for all regular members.

Section III: Duties:

A. It shall be the duty of the president to:

1. Preside over all meetings of the Student Council and General Assembly.

2. Call special meetings of the Student Council or General Assembly as the needs arise.

3. Act as an ex-officio member of all committees connected with Student Council.

4. See that all Student Council and General Assembly meetings are conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order Revised.

5. Act as the student body representative in any situation needing one.

6. Act as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

B. It shall be the duty of the vice president to:

1. Preside at meetings of the Student Council, or General Assembly in the absence of the president.

2. Preside at meetings of the Inter-Club Council and call special meetings as the need arises.

3. First semester vice president shall act as General Chairman of Stunt Night.

4. Second semester vice president shall act as General Chairman of Awards Day.

What do you think is the present attitude toward Student Council on campus at this time?

J. Louth (Continued)

To me, the attitude is an evolving one—slowly changing from an apathetic view of council as an organization in name only to one which is interested in the proceedings of council and recognizes its importance and influence regarding campus activities.

J. Aguiar (Continued)

Student Council is a very important factor here at the college. I believe the students are beginning to realize this moreso now than in the past. More students are concerned with the activities and functioning of Student Council than ever before. This is a good sign and shows that we are making and can make greater progress toward orderly student government.

A. Pascale (Continued)

Again I must rely on past experience and hearsay but it does seem to me that as an organized body it is not respected, nor are its laws followed very closely by the students. I feel the attitude of the administration is one which allows a child to have too many toys because one knows he can not use them all. In other words, that omniscient body, the administration, expects little effectiveness from student council.

What do you think is the most important job of the Council president?

The most important job of Student Council president is to help the council act as one organization. The president must direct and guide the actions of this body to the best interests of the student body and the campus as a whole. The organization must be directed to discuss important issues and come to the wisest decision.

Again it is difficult to pinpoint one thing. The ability to work effectively with students and faculty is probably the most important job of the president. Since the proper climate of a college depends on good student-faculty relationships, the Student Council president must help to keep these.

The most important job for the president, I feel, is to respect the office which he fills regardless of student opinion, and to impress upon those whom he leads the importance and dignity of being a member of Student Council.

Do you think an all-over Honor System is desirable on this campus?

I feel an Honor System is desirable on this campus. I feel that the students who now adhere to their personal honor system would do so under any circumstances. I think the atmosphere is much more receptive now towards such a system than ever before and I feel it would be effective because of its many benefits.

Honor systems can work and have proven themselves effective at colleges where they have a definite purpose in mind, for example, studying to be teachers.

As far as I know, however, the system we have here seems effective enough. If an honor system is desirable it will be up to our students to initiate it and it must work because the students want it.

I feel that an all-over Honor System is not necessary because it would be impracticable on such a large scale and it is undesirable because there is too great a gap between the ideal and the real.

WANTED!

One 2nd soprano for the Chalktones

Tryouts today in the Little Theater at 2:00 and 4:00

Girls need not be Choir members.

Honor System (Continued)

agreed that it should definitely start within the student body and then operate side by side with Student Council, the Administration, and the Faculty.

Dr. Leonelli stated that at one time he used an honor system in his classes during examinations but it was abused once and it was discontinued.

Mr. Manuel Renasco, a new professor of mathematics, stated that he monitors examinations very closely to suppress any possible cheating. Mr. Chester Smolski said that he also monitors examinations closely but would rather have students act on their honor.

The question arose in both groups, why is an honor system necessary on this campus. No definite answer could be given to this question. Students also asked whether an honor system on our campus should be a partial or a full one.